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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for Form PTO-1449) that the Examiner may deem material to the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

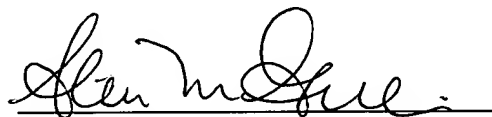
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Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 and, therefore, no Statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e) or fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p) is required. However, inasmuch as a Statement Under 37 CFR §1.97(e) can be made, the same is being filed concurrently herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of an International Search Report (ISR) dated June 3, 2002, from the European Patent Office (EPO) issued in a counterpart foreign application (EP 01 30 3595) citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the ISR indicating the degree of relevance found by the EPO.

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